

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 46

Introduced by Senator Bates

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46—Relative to Arthritis Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 46, as amended, Bates. Arthritis Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2015 as Arthritis Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Arthritis includes more than 100 rheumatic diseases
- 2 and conditions that affect joints, tissues that surround joints, and
- 3 other connective tissue; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Arthritis is a chronic health problem that is the
- 5 nation's leading cause of physical disability among Americans

1 and is most common among people with multiple chronic
2 conditions; and

3 WHEREAS, Arthritis causes pain and loss of movement, can
4 limit everyday activities such as walking and dressing, and can
5 even lead to death; and

6 WHEREAS, Arthritis affects an estimated 52.5 million American
7 adults living with some form of doctor-diagnosed arthritis,
8 representing 22.7 percent of adults in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, An estimated 300,000 children under 18 years of
10 age have a form of arthritis or rheumatic condition, representing
11 approximately 1 in every 250 children in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, Arthritis costs the United States economy more
13 than \$128 billion each year, \$81 billion in direct medical care costs
14 and \$47 billion in indirect costs; and

15 WHEREAS, Arthritis results in 992,100 hospitalizations and
16 44 million outpatient visits each year; and

17 WHEREAS, In California there are more than 5.9 million people
18 living with arthritis, including 38,000 children; and

19 WHEREAS, In California, 43 percent of adults with diabetes
20 also have arthritis, 52 percent of adults with cardiovascular disease
21 also have arthritis, and 38 percent of adults with high blood
22 pressure also have arthritis; and

23 WHEREAS, Among working age adults with arthritis in
24 California, 43 percent have some work limitations due to their
25 arthritis; and

26 WHEREAS, An estimated 67 million adults 18 years of age and
27 older will have doctor-diagnosed arthritis by the year 2030; now,
28 therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature understands the extent
31 of, and sympathizes with, the severity of the impact of arthritis on
32 California; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of May
34 2015 as Arthritis Awareness Month and appreciates the efforts of
35 the Arthritis Foundation to seek access to care for all Californians;
36 and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
38 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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